



Suffolk County Blueway Trail Plan

PAC MEETING – 2 PM
JULY 15, 2021
VIA ZOOM

This Blueway Trail Plan project is prepared with funding provided by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Update since our last PAC Meeting
 - Recap
 - Preparation of Blueway Trail Plan
 - Preparation for the Public Meeting
- PAC Assistance
 - Review draft plan
 - Help spread the word about the Public Meeting
- Consolidated Funding Application
- Next Steps



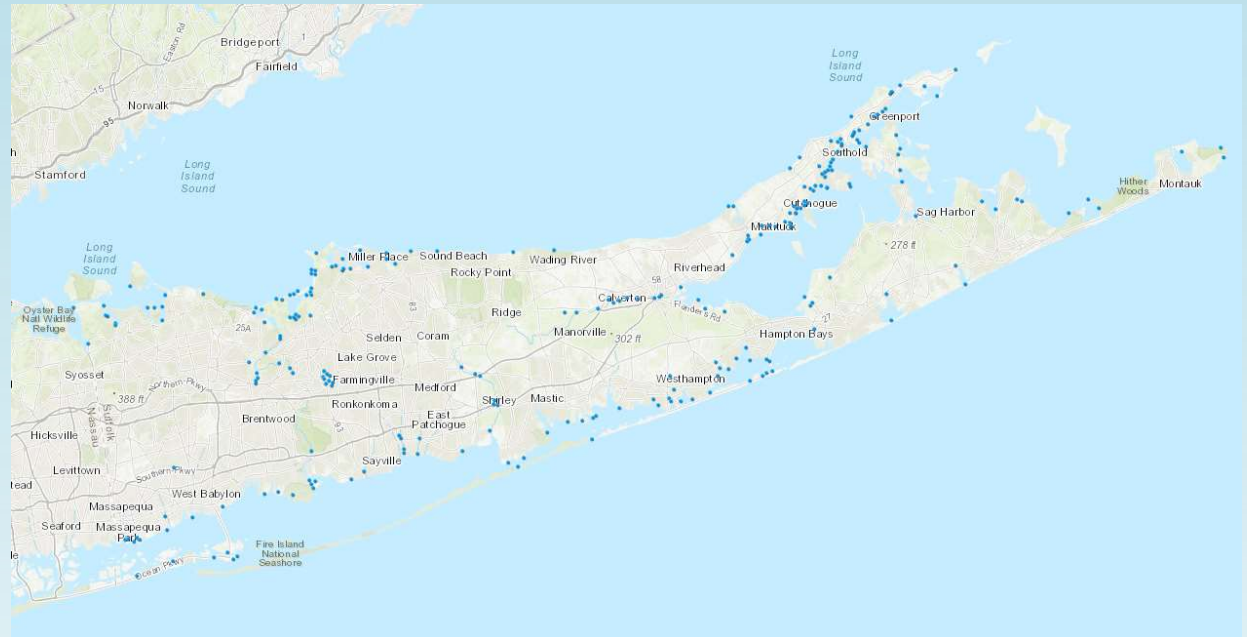
Recap



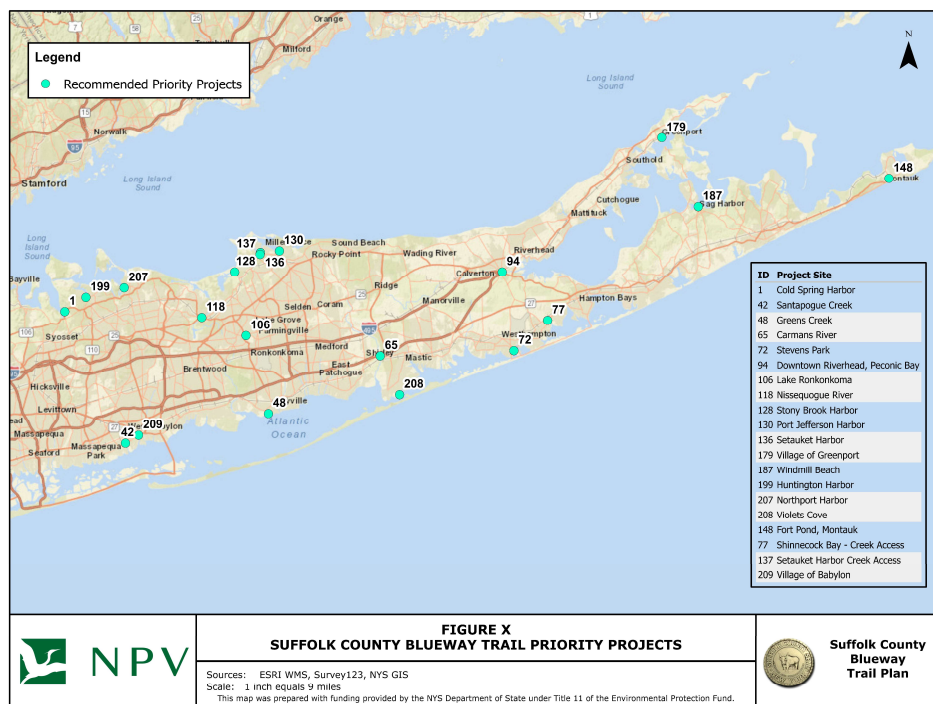
- The goals of the project
- We are planning the first phase of the County Blueway Trail
 - For new paddlers, families
 - Experienced paddlers don't necessarily need these amenities, but all paddlers will benefit!
- Identify projects at existing parks to improve access for paddlers
- Work with municipal partners to implement County-wide blueway trail system in the next phase

Recap - Inventory of Existing Launch Sites

Launch Sites by Town	
Town	# of Sites
Babylon	13
Brookhaven	49
East Hampton	12
Huntington	14
Islip	18
Riverhead	10
Shelter Island	5
Smithtown	30
Southampton	35
Southold	73



259 Launch Sites Inventoried



Initial Blueway Trail Launch Sites

20 Priority Projects for the First Phase of Implementation of the County Blueway Trail

Typical Improvements being recommended

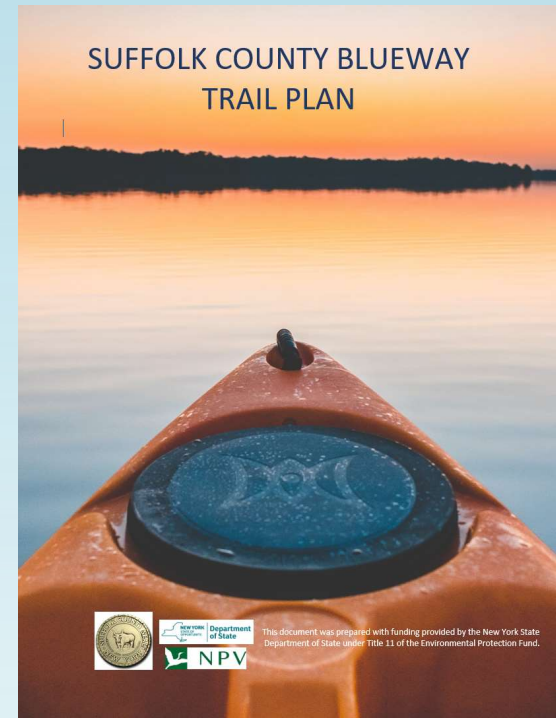


Additional improvements



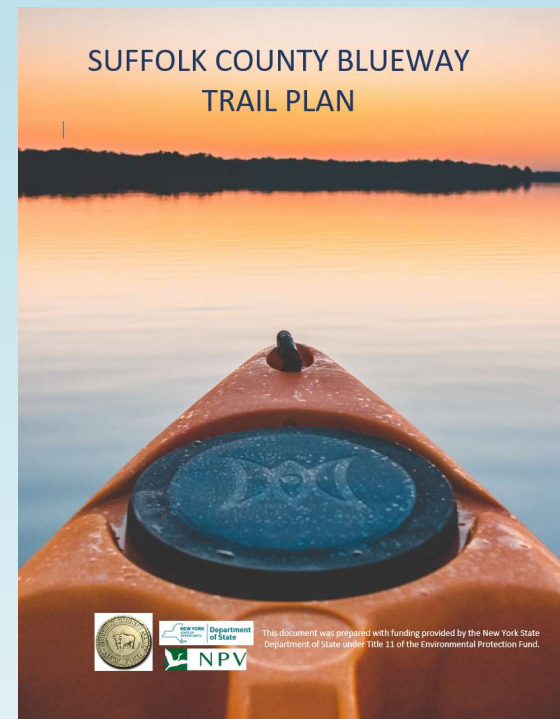
Since our Last PAC Meeting

- Public Meeting in fall of 2020
- Finalized selection of 20 priority sites
- Prepared Project Profiles
 - Conceptual Graphics of Recommended Improvements for the 20 Priority Launch Sites
- Identified Implementation Requirements
 - Funding opportunities
 - Costs
 - Permitting
 - Partnerships
- Preparation of Blueway Trail Plan report



Contents of the Suffolk County Blueway Trail Report

- Goals and Overall Methodology
- Summary of Public Engagement
- General Elements of a Blueway Trail Plan
- Inventory of Launch Sites
- Prioritization of Initial Blueway Trail Projects (Project Profiles)
- Recommendations for Next Steps/Implementation

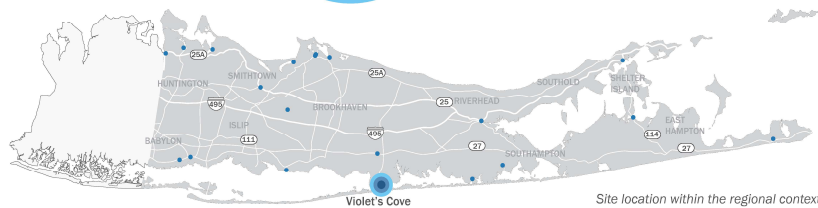


VIOLET'S COVE

This County-owned site is primarily within a residential area and approximately one mile south of the Mastic Beach Commercial District on Neighborhood Road which has a number of commercial food options. The site is on the west side of the Inlet to Violets Cove, on the south shore of Mastic Beach peninsula, and the

north shore of Narrow Bay. The site has long water frontage on Violets Cove/Narrow Bay and contains a large area that could be used for parking and an existing building in poor condition that needs to be demolished or fenced off prior to returning the site to an active use.

The site is recommended to be improved with Blueway signage, ADA accessible launch, kayak storage racks, grass pavers for the parking area, and fencing or demolition of the existing building.



Conceptual illustration showing recommended improvements



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SITE AND SURROUNDS

Name / Violet's Cove
Street Address / 2 Violet Road, Mastic Beach, NY 11951
Tax Map Number / 0200-984.60-10.00-002.000
Jurisdiction / Suffolk County

OVERVIEW AND PROJECT PARTNERS

This location is a County-owned property in the Town of Brookhaven. Including this location on the Blueway Trail provides an opportunity to revitalize an existing waterfront site and improve and expand nonmotorized boating and paddling activities in Violet's Cove. The site is located across Narrow Bay from Smith Point County Park, which has

an ocean beach, food concession, playground, campground, and other public facilities. Residents and visitors will benefit from the recommended removal or fencing around the existing building in poor condition, the addition of recreational amenities, an ADA accessible launch, and kayak racks to provide storage for paddlers.

RECOMMENDED IMPROVEMENTS

	Type of Improvements	Cost Estimate	Estimated Timeframe
1.	Directional sign Three 12x18" signs to be affixed to existing poles	\$ 360	Short-Term
2.	Kiosk sign One 2x3' sign with single post	\$ 900	Short-Term
3.	Landing sign One 12x24" sign with support	\$ 600	Short-Term
4.	Fencing around existing building or demolition of existing building	Variable – depends on final design	Medium-Term
5.	Kayak storage racks Rack with storage for 8 kayaks	\$ 2,000	Medium-Term
6.	Grass pavers for parking area	Variable – depends on final design	Medium-Term
7.	ADA accessible kayak launch	\$ 30,000	Long-Term

POTENTIAL SOURCES OF FUNDS

Effort has been made to develop recommendations with considerable public support, with conceptual visual representations, to provide strength to any grant applications. Applicable grants are frequently available through the New York State Consolidated Funding Application, as well as federal, local, and private

grants such as the REI Environmental Grant. Public-private partnerships, sponsorships, adopt-a-trail programs, and partnerships with volunteer groups can be explored to reduce materials costs, construct and install signage, or assist with other needed improvements.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

1.	Coordination with the Town of Brookhaven recommended
2.	United States Army Corp of Engineers Approval
3.	New York State Department of State Coastal Consistency Certification
4.	New York State Department of Conservation approval for improvements within regulated areas for kayak launch and parking improvements
5.	Town of Brookhaven Wetlands approval

PROJECT IMPACTS

The primary impacts from the proposed improvements are to enhance and encourage paddling and nonmotorized boating, especially for beginner paddlers and all ages, as a means of recreation and part of a healthy lifestyle, while also being a low-impact way of experiencing the scenic waterfront of Violet's Cove. In addition to the recreation and health impacts, the project seeks to expand the paddling participant base.

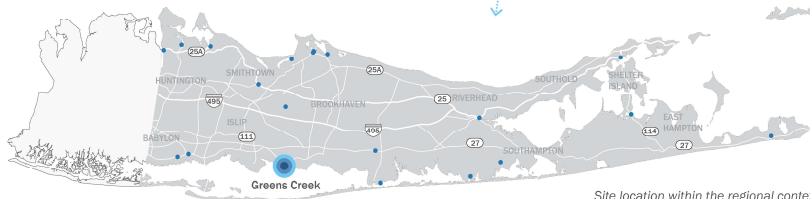
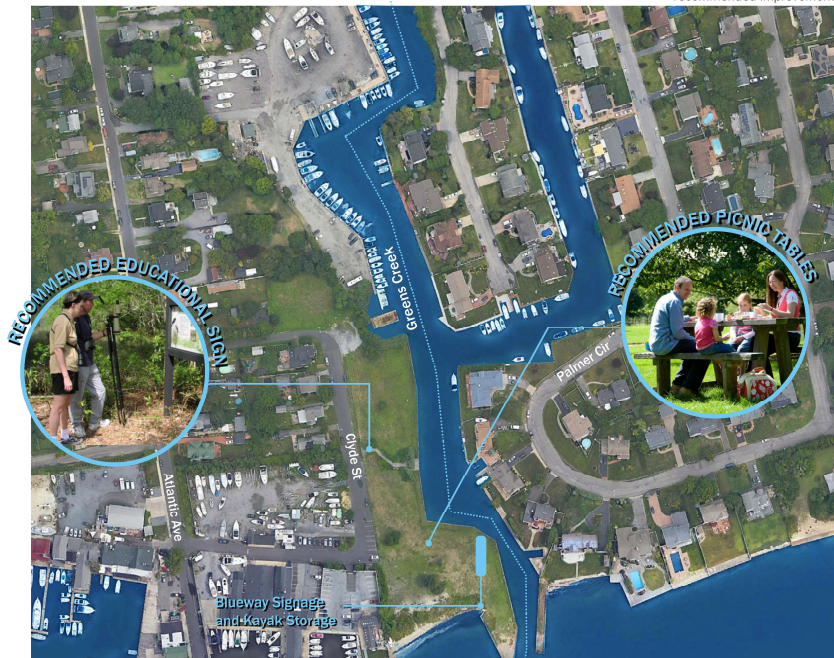
GREENS CREEK COUNTY PARK

This site is within Greens Creek County Park and is located on the east side of Clyde Street near the mouth of Greens Creek in the Town of Islip. The site is within a primarily residential area, and it is within walking distance to the Clam Bar restaurant and other marine related uses. This County Park contains a

large grassy area with a bulkhead and boardwalk in excellent condition along Greens Creek, and a beach area at the shore of the Great South Bay. On-street parking is available along Clyde Street. The site is recommended to be improved with Blueway signage, kayak storage racks, invasive

species removal, and seasonal bathroom trailers or I/A wastewater treatment system, possibly in partnership with the local restaurant owner and with an agreement to allow use of the restroom by paddlers.

Aerial view showing existing features and recommended improvements



Site location within the regional context

Conceptual illustration showing recommended improvements



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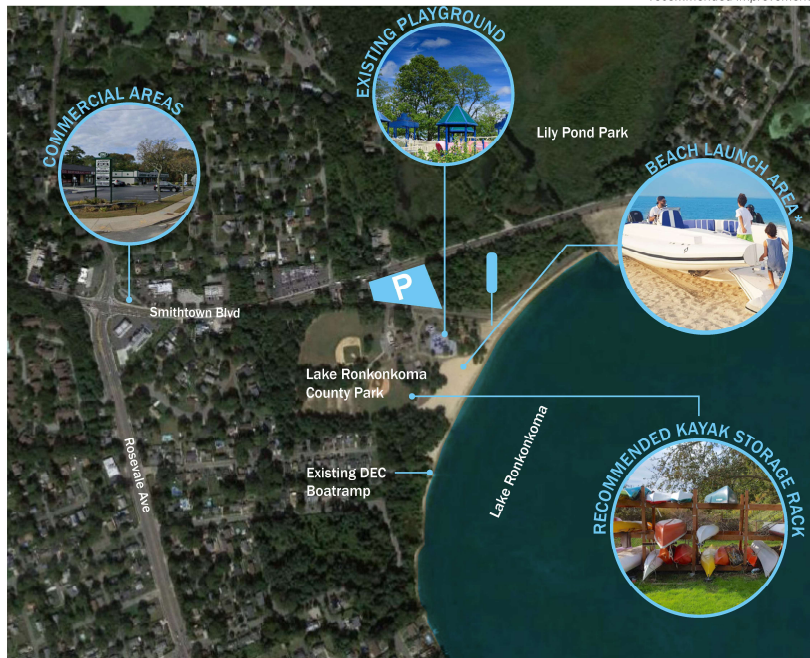
LAKE RONKONKOMA

This site is within a County-owned Park along Lake Ronkonkoma and is a unique location as an interior freshwater paddling opportunity. The Park is improved with parking, walking paths, playground, picnic tables, ballfields, bathrooms and a beach area. There are a

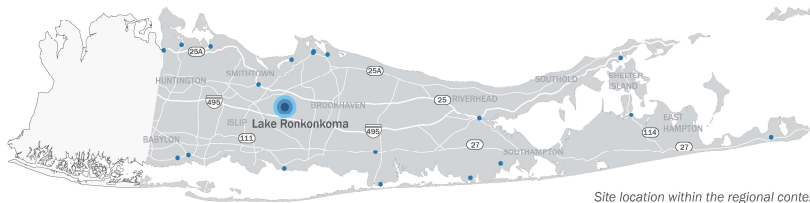
few commercial uses within walking or short driving distance. An existing sign states that no swimming or boat launching is permitted at the site and more investigation is needed to determine why launching is not permitted. There

is a nearby DEC boat launch and the Town of Islip has a beach with amenities on the west side of the lake. The site is recommended to be improved with Blueway signage and kayak storage racks.

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Conceptual illustration showing recommended improvements



Site location within the regional context

NISSEQUOGUE RIVER

This site is within the Paul T. Given County Park in the Town of Smithtown. The site is currently improved with a parking area, on-site picnicking area; with nearby activities including Caleb Smith State Park to the west and to Blydenburgh County Park to the south

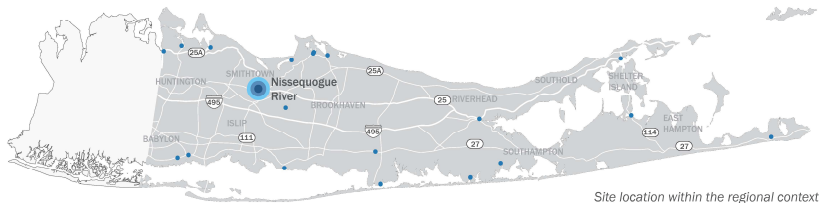
and nearby commercial facilities including a supermarket, convenience store, donut shop, and bagel shop. Existing steps provides access to the Nissequogue River for paddlers. The site is recommended to be improved with Blueway

signage, an ADA accessible route to the water and ADA accessible launch, and seasonal bathroom trailer.

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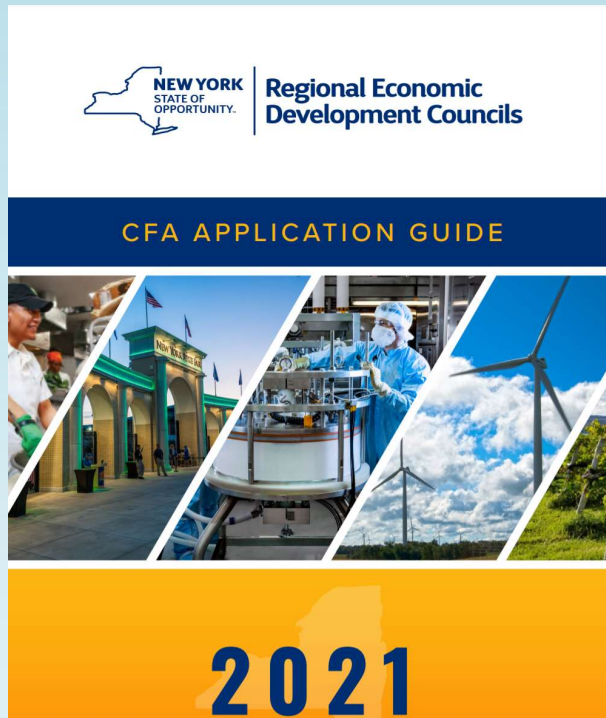
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Consolidated Grant Funding



Next Steps

- Prepare Grant Application for implementation projects
- Final Public Meeting
 - Open House Format
 - 5 to 7 posterboards
 - Overview of project goals and deliverables
 - Inventory
 - Initial Projects
 - Recommendations for Implementation
 - Opportunity for Feedback
- Revise Blueway Trail Plan based upon input from PAC and public input



How you can help...



- Provide input on the draft Blueway Trail Plan
- Help us to spread the word about the Public Open House meeting
- Please plan on attending the Public Open House

Thank you for joining us today!

